

Library gets its \$3,000

The Carbondale Public Library received a check from the City of Carbondale Friday.

The check, for \$3,000, came a few days after the Carbondale Mirror printed a story detailing the library's financial problems.

The library's board of directors recently wrote to the city, asking that the city send the promised \$3,000 to the library so that it would not have to curtail its services.

At the council at which the letter was read, the city administration reiterated its

own financial problems, but promised council that it would soon send part of the budgeted money.

However, several weeks passed and the library still had not received the money which was earmarked for it in the 1981 city budget.

In a story in last week's MIRROR, librarian Anne Muldoon said, "We need that \$3,000," adding that the library board had it budgeted in its current fiscal plans and would use it for its oil heating bill and salaries.

Ironically, that \$3,000 is the same

amount as the city has been giving the library since 1966 — 15 years ago.

On Friday afternoon, a representative of the city administration hand-delivered the \$3,000 check to the library, a block away from the city municipal building on Sixth Avenue.

In telling the MIRROR about the check delivery, Miss Muldoon said she believed the MIRROR's story played a role in getting the library the full amount not only the half the administration had earlier promised.



Doesn't like Democratic moves

Mayor: I might change mind...

By NAN WATERS

Who's on first in Carbondale's city government?

Two weeks ago Mayor Fred J. Mancuso told the MIRROR in an exclusive story that he would be resigning from his post as chief executive of the city by the end of November.

City Council President James V. McMyne felt as though he were "waiting in the bullpen," as he told this newspaper last week, for a page one feature story, to fill Mancuso's vacancy.

Now Mancuso, in another telephone interview from his Fairbrook Street home, tells the MIRROR he is considering staying in his job, because "an awful lot of people are pressing me."

Who's on first? I don't know's on second, and what's going on is on third. Did the

Mayor hunt? Will McMyne be returned to the bench?

And what about the fans, the people of the city of Carbondale?

During a telephone conversation with the Mayor late Monday afternoon, he mentioned that, "An awful lot of people are putting pressure on me to stay, and I told them I may even sit down with them...people I had an obligation to, they were so good to me. And I told them I'd at least consider staying, but I understand now even though I haven't seen any, there's petitioners around to keep me there."

Mayor Mancuso said he had planned to make a statement next week and "hoped to be out by the end of November," but now he's "not sure...I feel I owe it to these people...they've been such good supporters, to at least reconsider in light of the way they're

asking me."

"It looks like it's going to be one big blood bath, and politics as usual, if I get out, and I don't know, I worked so darned hard for the city for the past three years and ten months. I hate to see it going back to its old ways again," he said he had heard about the hierarchy in the Democratic party promising jobs... "I thought, well, here we go again."

Mancuso, a Republican, told the MIRROR he had not spoken with McMyne, who is a Democrat and that he didn't know if the City Council president was aware of his present plan. He said McMyne would remain in his present post until January and then "it is conceivable somebody else might become Council president."

"I try to be as candid as I can with you," Mancuso said in conclusion. "I think everybody has a right to change their mind."

And what about McMyne? Doesn't the mayor's current thinking leave him out in the cold?

Contacted at his McCabe Avenue home, McMyne, a pinch-hitter who served as mayor for 10 months after the death of Mayor A. J. Kaufman in 1977, stated, "I have no comment. As far as I'm concerned, it's his (Mancuso's) prerogative."

If Mancuso does, definitely decide to remain in office, he has another 13 months until the end of his term. His Democratic critics on City Council, Charlotte Moore and Michael Tolero, have accused him of mismanagement of city funds, yet the reasons he gave the MIRROR two weeks ago, for resigning, were "to spend more time with my family."

PLAY BALL!



By NAN WATERS

It probably isn't recorded how Michaelangelo or Vincent VanDyke or Ceramco got started painting. But Betty Bunnell, R.N., of R.D. 1, Jermyn, remembers exactly how she began dabbling with paint on canvas.

Although she had taken a free-hand drawing course in eighth grade, at age 13, her real interest in painting began in 1959 when her kids gave her a paint-by-numbers picture of a barn as a Christmas present.

She finished the painting, but "wanted to feel freer" in what she was creating.

And so in Clark Summit, where she was living at the time, she began taking adult evening courses at Abington Heights School, under the direction of the noted painter Albert Ondush. And she's been doing it ever since.

Paintings now hang

Now her paintings, in all sizes and on all subjects, hang in the halls and create much interest, at Carbondale Nursing Home, where she is employed.

Mostly landscapes, they reflect her growth as an artist from the number painting to copies of photographs, to originals, to a self-portrait of the artist that sits on an easel in the living room of her comfortable farm home.

And Betty Jane Bunnell has kept painting despite five children, working 40 hours a week for the past 19 years, a divorce, relocation to Atlanta, Ga., and return, moving several times, and being left homeless just before Christmas six years ago when her Morgan Manor apartment was swept by fire.

Working in both oils and water colors, Betty Bunnell finds expressing herself relaxing and enjoyable during her off-duty hours from the nursing home. Despite the high cost of art supplies and frames, she prices her paintings unusually low, because, as she says, "People don't have a lot of money to spend on art today."

The cozy room of the farmhouse on the 200 acres where Betty lives with her youngest child, 15-year-old Mark, are hung with beautifully executed scenes she has done in oils of visits she's made to Bradford-on-Avon, England, paintings of Israel, Florida and other places she's visited on her many travels.

First prizes

Betty has won first and third prizes in oils and water colors at the Harford Fair, and has exhibited her works at the Stroudsburg and Lackawanna County Arts Festivals, and at Abington Heights School and the women's club building in that community. She hopes to become better established as an artist, and eventually would like to display pictures for sale in area hotels and restaurants.

Yet Mrs. Bunnell's artworks are only a creative, expressive adjunct to her nursing

career and motherhood.

An alumna of Moses Taylor Hospital School of Nursing, Scranton, she has worked in all areas of her field — private duty, camp nursing, and with the Voluntary Nurse Association for five years. The latter she enjoyed most, but feels there is a need for "compassionate nursing" in the field of geriatrics.

God put her there

"God put me there," she commented during a late afternoon interview at her country home, of Carbondale Nursing Home, where she has been employed the past year and a half. She previously spent three and a half years on the staff of Laurel Hill Nursing Home, Dunmore.

Two of her sons are in the service: Jonathan, 18, in the Army in Germany, and David, 19, with the U.S. Coast Guard on Long Island. Another son, George, lives in Falls, and her daughter, Ellen, is married, with two children, and lives at Fair Lawn, N.J.

Although Betty plants only a small garden portion of the large farm she leases, her husband is brimming over with foodstuffs and she canned over 100 jars of vegetables for use this winter. In whatever spare time she has left, she works on her extensive stamp collection, corresponds with a British friend who has been a pen pal for many years, and enjoys attending concerts of "good music."

Making it on her own



BETTY BUNNELL, R.N., of R.D. 1 Jermyn, beams proudly as she exhibits some of the original paintings she has done which hang in the halls of Carbondale Nursing Home, where she is employed. A single parent of five, Mrs. Bunnell has traveled extensively and painted pictures of the countries she has visited. A student of the well known painter Albert Ondush, Mrs. Bunnell attends his classes each Saturday at Corpus Christi Church, Montdale. Her art career began a number of years ago when her children bought her a "paint-by-number" kit as a Christmas gift.

Dear, Dear

Deer trapped in old walled reservoir on city's East Side looks up at Mirror photographer Monday afternoon. He made many attempts to leap out of the walled enclosure, but could not, injuring himself in the process. Team headed by city dog enforcement officer Dominick Andidora, Paul Greene, Tony Andidora, and Anthony Andidora (brother of the dog enforcement officer) tranquilized the animal, lifted him out of the enclosure and set him free when he came to. (MIRROR photos by Ros-Al)